

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 149**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2107**

**By Woodson, Black, Stanley, Tracy, Burks, Ford**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2110

By McDaniel, Casada, Shaw, Litz, Bone, Maggart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 12, relative to the practice of veterinary medicine.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 12, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

Section 63-12-145.

(a) The general assembly intends by this chapter, other provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto to occupy and preempt the entire field of legislation concerning the regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine, including, but not limited to, the regulation of any act or procedure utilized within the practice of veterinary medicine.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a municipality, metropolitan government, or county may regulate the time and place of the business operations of a person or facility holding a license or certificate under this chapter; provided, that such regulation does not conflict with state laws or regulations governing the practice of veterinary medicine.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 16, 2009**

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 5th day of May 2009**

  
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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR